



Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

2008-2011 College or University Demonstration Project

Application Deadline: July 16, 2008

The Highway Safety Division (HSD) of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) seeks applications for funding for one local college or university to administer components of a for-credit course to freshman students regarding alcohol abuse prevention. This program will emphasize the link between alcohol abuse and highway safety, stress responsible decisions regarding alcohol use, provide a forum for students to discuss perceptions regarding social pressures concerning alcohol abuse, etc. This is a one year demonstration project with two, one-year options to renew. Up to \$60,000 in federal grant funding is available.

For more information: www.mass.gov/highwaysafety and click on Grant Opportunities.

Calendar Year 2009 Driving While Impaired (DWI) Court Training Initiative

Application Deadline: July 18, 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security seeks applications for funding to assist communities develop DWI Court programs in cooperation with the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Under this initiative, communities will be selected to participate in a facilitated planning process that will begin in March 2009 and conclude in October 2009.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617.725.3334 or Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us.

2008 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP) Grant

Application Deadline: July 23, 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security seeks applications for funding to develop and strengthen law enforcement, prosecution strategies, and victims' services in cases of violent crimes against women. Currently \$2.2 million is available for this competitive grant application. A Bidder's Conference will be held on June 27, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza at 10 Lincoln Square in Worcester, MA. For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Justice and Prevention, Grant Programs)

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Program

Application Deadline: July 23, 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security seeks applications for funding to prevent violence in and around schools, and the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs amongst youth. Special consideration will be given to research-based, proven-effective programs and activities for children and youth who are not receiving similar services by a state or local education agency, and/or high risk populations requiring special services, intervention, or additional resources. Eligible applicants include State Agencies, local law enforcement departments, District Attorneys, schools (public or private), and nonprofit organizations. Anyone currently receiving a SDFSCA grant award from the EOPSS is not eligible to apply. Approximately \$1 million is available for this competitive grant program. Awards will not exceed \$100,000.00 per grant recipient.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding> (click on Justice and Prevention, Grant Programs)

Underage Drinking Prevention Grant

Application Deadline: August 5, 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security seeks applications for funding for one or more one-day conferences for stakeholders in children's lives that will focus on preventing underage drinking and forming a unified response to it. All Massachusetts District Attorneys Association offices will be eligible to apply.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Highway Safety) or contact Dan DeMille, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3341 or Daniel.DeMille@state.ma.us.

2007-2008 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program

Application Deadline: Rolling Open Enrollment through August 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of over \$3.6 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants through September 2008. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2008 upon successful completion of selected enforcement mobilizations. This is the last chance to take advantage of the equipment portion of this grant due to grant requirements.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

FY 2008 Family Violence Prevention and Services Program

Application Deadline: July 14, 2008

The Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services seeks applications for funding for the development of family violence intervention services and prevention efforts. The goal of the programs and activities supported by these funds is to improve the capacity of domestic violence programs to offer services that are culturally relevant and accessible to victims with complex needs. This funding opportunity will support institutes that convene researchers, activists, domestic violence survivors and practitioners to support coordinated outreach efforts to underserved and diverse communities. Eligible applications include states, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations.

For more information: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-EV-0066.html>.

The Guggenheim (Harry Frank) Foundation Research Grants

Application Deadline: August 1, 2008

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (HFG) seeks proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance. Highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding and amelioration of urgent problems of violence, aggression, and dominance in the modern world. HFG ordinarily makes awards in the range of \$15,000 to \$30,000 a year for periods of one or two years.

For more information: <http://www.hfg.org/rg/guidelines.htm>.

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)

OVC developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence.

Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate *and* assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)

OVC will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.

Research and Publications

Understanding Sexual Victimization: Using Medical Provider Data to Describe the Nature and Context of Sexual Crime in Massachusetts, 2001-2006

Published by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), this report is an update to a previous report titled “Understanding Sexual Victimization: Using Medical Provider Data to Describe the Nature and Context of Sexual Crime in Massachusetts, 2001-2004”. This report presents information on sexual victimizations in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts based on an analysis of Provider Sexual Crime Report (PSCR) data from 2001-2006. The data analyzed in the report are a reflection of sexual assault cases in which the victim sought medical attention in Massachusetts and a medical professional forwarded the information, as legally obligated, to EOPSS.

Access full text at: http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/eops/Publications/understanding_sexual_victimization_2001_to_2006.pdf.

Youth Victims of Sexual Assault: Using Medical Provider Data to Describe the Nature and Context of Sexual Crime Perpetrated on Youth Victims

Published by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, this report presents a detailed analysis of PSCR cases with the victims under the age of 18. As with the larger report, the data analyzed in the report are a reflection of sexual assault cases in which the victim (under the age of 18) sought medical attention in Massachusetts and a medical professional forwarded the information, as legally obligated, to EOPSS. The report includes victim characteristics, offender characteristics, and incident characteristics for approximately 2,000 cases of youth sexual assault victims.

Access full text at: http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/eops/Publications/youth_victims_sex_assault_2000_to_2006.pdf.

Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of the Use of DNA in the Investigation of High-Volume Crimes

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice and published by the Urban Institute, this report presents the results of the DNA Field Experiment, a study comparing the use of traditional investigative technique to biological evidence techniques in burglaries and theft from automobiles. The goal of the study was to assess the cost-effectiveness of expanding DNA evidence collection and analysis to the investigation of property crimes. The study analyzed a collection of biological evidence gathered from up to 500 crime scenes in five communities between November 2005 and July 2007.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/222318.pdf>.

Effective Police Communications Systems Require New “Governance”

This National Institute of Justice (NIJ) *In Short* discusses the necessity of effective communication systems within public safety agencies, and, more specifically, the role of governance agreements in facilitating such efforts. Governance agreements allow police departments, including those in different counties or adjacent states, to jointly own, operate, and oversee communications systems. This cooperative agreement benefits all parties and is thus an important law enforcement tool. Topics include how to make governance work, formalizing the governance structure, the involvement and education of decision makers, how to educate the community, and future outlook.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/222362.pdf>.

Study of Deaths Following Electro Muscular Disruption: Interim Report

This NIJ *Special Report* presents the interim findings of an analysis of electro-muscular-disruption (EMD) technology-related deaths. EMDs, the current less-lethal weapon of choice, use a high-voltage, low-power charge of electricity to produce involuntary muscle contractions that cause temporary paralysis. This report contains EMD-related death investigation recommendations garnered from mortality reviews and an evaluation of current research.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/222981.pdf>.

Breaking the Cycle of Trauma and Criminal Justice Involvement: The Mothers Overcoming and Managing Stress (MOMS) Study

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, this report examines the findings of the MOMS study, an analysis to determine if two forms of counseling were successful in assisting low-income young mothers recover from PTSD. The study is one of a series whose goal it is to develop evidence-based approaches to breaking the cycle of trauma and criminalization by helping under-served populations recover from PTSD. Participants were provided brief one-to-one counseling for twelve weeks using Trauma Affect Regulation: Guide for Education and Therapy and Present Centered Therapy.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/222910.pdf>.

Best Practices to Address Community Gang Problems

This guide, published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), is a valuable resource for communities who are contemplating how best to confront an existing or emerging youth gang problem. Based on OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model, the report examines the research behind the Model, provides findings from evaluations of several programs following the Model outline, and highlights "best practices" from various experienced practitioners working with the Model in their communities.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/222799.pdf>.

The Evaluation of the Judicial Oversight Demonstration: Findings and Lessons on Implementation

Funded by the National Institute of Justice and produced by The Urban Institute, this report discusses some of the findings from the Judicial Oversight Demonstration (JOD) Initiative. The goal of the JOD Initiative was to enhance the provision of comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, increase victim safety, and hold offenders more accountable. This report (one of a series of reports on JOD) discusses findings and lessons learned from implementing court-involved IPV/DV prevention programs.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/219077.pdf>.

Sexual Victimization in Local Jails Reported by Inmates, 2007

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents data from the 2007 National Inmate Survey. The survey collected a total sample of 40,419 inmates from 282 local jails between April 2007 and December 2007. The report includes a listing of results for sampled local jails as well as national-level and facility-level estimates of nonconsensual sexual acts, abusive sexual contact, inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate victimization, and level of coercion.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/svljri07.pdf>.

Prison Inmates at Midyear 2007

Using data from the National Prisoner Statistics, this Bureau of Justice Statistics report provides an overview of data on prisoners under the jurisdiction of federal or state correctional authorities on June 30, 2007. This annual report compares changes in the prison population during the first six months of 2007 to changes from 2000 through 2006. Also included in the report are: inmate demographics; incarceration rates by jurisdiction; counts of non-citizens and individuals under 18 in custody; and the number of prisoners admitted into and released from federal and state jurisdiction.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/pim07.pdf>.

Jail Inmates at Midyear 2007

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents data on jails and jail inmates during the first six months of 2007. This report includes jail capacity data, percent of capacity occupied, and capacity added. Also included in the report are: admission estimates, jail inmate demographics, and counts of jail inmates by conviction and confinement status.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/jim07.pdf>.

Conferences and Trainings

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Conference 2008

July 21-23, 2008 in Arlington, VA

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, this conference brings together a vast array of criminal justice professionals to share the most recent findings from research and technology, including what works, what doesn't work, and what the research shows as promising. Heavy emphasis is placed on the benefits of effective evidence-based policies and practices. The conference includes the DNA Grantees Workshop, formerly a separate event, and opportunities for attendees to exchange ideas, such as "Town Hall" luncheon and several evening events.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm.

2008 National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability

July 30-August 1, 2008 in Baltimore, MD

Sponsored by the SMART Office through the Department of Justice, this symposium will focus on an array of topics relating to sex offender management and the implementation of the Adam Walsh Act. The Symposium will include specialized tracks focusing on policy, enforcement, emerging issues, and Indian country issues. Examples of specific lecture topics include: SORNA guidelines review, sex offender registry web-based software, interagency collaboration and coordination, monitoring registered sex offenders, sex offender treatment, and sex offender registration and tracking.

For more information: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=86ef0920-a7e8-4f32-9d11-585c23dbc97e>.

"Train-the-Trainer" Workshop: *Choose to Refuse, a Heroin and OxyContin Prevention Education Program*

August 14, 2008 in Salem, MA

Hosted by the office of District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett, this "train-the-trainer" workshop will focus on the *Choose to Refuse, a Heroin and OxyContin Prevention Education Program*, a six session curriculum that helps high school students understand the dangers of heroin and OxyContin. The workshop will also incorporate the *Choose 2 Refuse* program, which includes video clips of youth in recovery and can be presented to students as a one hour PowerPoint presentation. All participants will receive copies and brochures for both programs. Workshop participation is free; registration is required.

For more information (and to register), please call (978) 745-6610 ext 5082, or email diane.steele@state.ma.us by August 11, 2008.

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws 10th Annual National Leadership Conference

August 21-23, 2008 in Nashville, TN

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Center for Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws, this conference will highlight communities, programs, and other initiatives that have successfully implemented science, performance, and data-driven strategies to support the reduction of youth access to alcohol. A variety of topics related to effective prevention and enforcement of underage drinking will be discussed.

For more information: <http://www.udetc.org>.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Towns Push Sex Offender Limits

***The Boston Globe*, June 15, 2008**

According to *The Boston Globe*, Weymouth has joined a growing number of communities across the Commonwealth by banning Level 3 sex offenders from living within 1,500 feet of any school, park, daycare center, or recreational facility. In doing so, Weymouth officials made it almost impossible for a Level 3 sex offender to live in town. At least 10 communities have passed such laws, including four in the past few months alone. As a result, many local officials are now calling on lawmakers to join more than 20 other states by passing a statewide measure that would restrict, in a uniform way, where sex offenders can live.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/06/15/towns_push_sex_offender_limits/.

Northampton Eyeing Proposal to Crack Down on Panhandlers

***The Republican*, June 20, 2008**

Responding to complaints by the public and the business community, the city of Northampton is studying a proposed ordinance that would restrict where, when, and how people panhandle downtown reports *The Republican*. The ordinance prohibits what it calls "aggressive panhandling," defining the term as any solicitation that involves touching, following or blocking the passage of a person or using violent or threatening gestures or language. Panhandlers would also be prohibited from soliciting anyone who is waiting in line for tickets or asking for money as part of a group of two or more.

Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/06/northampton_eyeing_proposal_to.html.

Overall Crime Rate Drops 15 Percent in Springfield

***The Republican*, June 26, 2008**

A recent article in *The Republican* states that crime is down 15 percent in Springfield for the first five months of 2008 in comparison to the same period last year. The statistics show significant declines in several categories including robberies, burglaries, larcenies, and motor vehicle thefts. Anti-crime efforts by police in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies and changes in direction, strategy, and philosophy were praised with effecting the change.

Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/06/overall_crime_rate_drops_15_pe.html?category=Crime&category=Springfield.

Pimps Arrested, Children Rescued

***The Boston Globe*, June 26, 2008**

According to an article in *The Boston Globe*, hundreds of people have been arrested and 21 children rescued in what the FBI is calling a five-day roundup of networks of pimps who force children into prostitution. In Boston, a weekend sting by the field office of the FBI netted 14 on prostitution charges and removed one child from trafficking. The FBI worked with the State Police and police from Boston, Braintree, Quincy, the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department, and the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council. Nationwide, authorities arrested 345 people - including 290 adult prostitutes - during the operation that ended this week.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2008/06/26/pimps_arrested_children_rescued/.

Announcements

Study of Survivors of Sexual Assault

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and the Boston VA are conducting a research study for women who have recently been sexually assaulted. If you are a woman over the age of 18 who has been sexually assaulted in the past 4 weeks you may be eligible to participate. Reimbursement is provided for study involvement. The results of the study will be helpful to survivors and those supporting them. If interested, please call Maria at (857) 364-6027 or email study.technician@gmail.com. You will not be asked any questions about the assault when calling or emailing.

Contact Information

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